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**REQUEST  
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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<i>Application Number</i>	10/826,959
<i>Filing Date</i>	15 April 2004
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	James D. Ballew et al.
<i>Art Unit</i>	2113
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Elmira Mehrmanesh
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	064747.1015

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  **Enclosed**
  - i.  **Amendment/Reply**
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  **The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$810.00 and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384.**
  - i.  **RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)**
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (One Month) 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

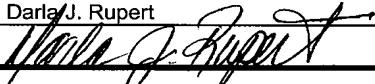
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